

# Camden County, GA Assessment May 2017

May 4-9, 2017

N=400 Registered Voters

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Q1. In general, do you think things in Camden County are moving in the right direction or the wrong direction?	Right direction	62%
	Wrong direction	15%
	Mixed	13%
	Don't Know	10%

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Q2. Next, I'd like for you to rate the job that Camden County government does on the following issues as either excellent, good, not so good, or poor. Here is the first one...

Q2A. Protecting local natural resources and the environment	Excellent	15%
	Good	58%
	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>72%</b>
	Not so good	16%
	Poor	7%
	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>23%</b>

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Q2B. Managing growth and development in a responsible way	Excellent	7%
	Good	52%
	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>60%</b>
	Not so good	20%
	Poor	14%
	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>35%</b>

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Q2C. Protecting the Cumberland Island National Seashore	Excellent	15%
	Good	39%
	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>54%</b>
	Not so good	20%
	Poor	12%
	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>32%</b>

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Q3. How important do you feel that the Cumberland Island National Seashore is to the Camden County economy - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?	Very important	57%
	Somewhat important	32%
	<b>Total important</b>	<b>88%</b>
	Not too important	6%
	Not important at all	2%
	<b>Total not important</b>	<b>9%</b>
Q4. How important do you feel that the Cumberland Island National Seashore is to the quality of life in Camden County - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?	Very important	42%
	Somewhat important	36%
	<b>Total important</b>	<b>77%</b>
	Not too important	13%
	Not important at all	5%
	<b>Total not important</b>	<b>18%</b>
Q5. How much have you heard about a proposal to re-zone the Cumberland Island National Seashore and allow more residential development? Have you heard a great deal, some, a little, or nothing at all?	A great deal	27%
	Some	38%
	<b>Total A great deal/ some</b>	<b>64%</b>
	Little	15%
	Nothing at all	21%
	<b>Total Little/ nothing at all</b>	<b>36%</b>
Q6. And from what you know, do you favor or oppose the proposal to re-zone the Cumberland Island National Seashore and allow more residential development?	Strongly favor	5%
	Somewhat favor	9%
	<b>Total favor</b>	<b>15%</b>
	Somewhat oppose	12%
	Strongly oppose	59%
	<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>72%</b>
	Don't know	13%

Next let me read you brief statements that both supporters and opponents of this proposal might say and get your reaction.

Supporters of this proposal say that private property owners should be allowed to divide their own land among family members. The proposal would limit the number of houses that could be built each year and ensure a buffer zone between new homes and the protected national seashore. This proposal represents a compromise between local officials, environmental groups, and the National Park Service to ensure any changes to the island balance the needs of the environment and the rights of private property owners.

Opponents of this proposal say that protecting Cumberland Island is critical to the local environment and economy. They say this development would mean bulldozers and construction sites bordering protected natural habitats and popular recreation areas. Opponents say it's important to stop this type of development before damage is done to the island's natural state that draws in tens of thousands of visitors each year - and that it's important to stand against developers who want to change the character of the island forever.

Q7. After hearing more information, do you favor or oppose the proposal to re-zone the Cumberland Island National Seashore and allow more residential development?	Strongly favor	8%
	Somewhat favor	11%
	<b>Total favor</b>	<b>19%</b>
	Somewhat oppose	14%
	Strongly oppose	64%
	<b>Total oppose</b>	<b>78%</b>
	Don't know	3%

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## QUESTIONS FOR CLASSIFICATION PURPOSES

Q8. Gender	Male	48%	
	Female	52%	
Q9. Age	18-34	15%	
	35-49	23%	
	50-64	33%	
	65+	27%	
	[vol] Refused	2%	
Q10. In an average year, do you usually personally visit Cumberland Island?	Yes, 1	19%	
	Yes, 2-3	19%	
	Yes, 3-5	10%	
	[ASKED IF 'YES'] And how many times do you personally visit Cumberland Island in an average year?	Yes, 6-10	3%
	Yes, 10+	6%	
	No	42%	
	Don't know/Refused	1%	
Q11. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, or an Independent?	Democrat	19%	
	Independent/lean Democrat	4%	
	Republican	43%	
	Independent/lean Republican	10%	
	Independent	16%	
	Other/Don't Know	8%	
Q12. What was the last year of education you completed?	High school or less	21%	
	Some post-high school, like college or technical school	36%	
	Four year college graduate	21%	
	Post-graduate college degree	21%	
	Don't know / Refused	1%	
Q13. And just to make sure we have a representative sample, could you please tell me if you consider yourself White, African American, Asian, or of Hispanic origin?	White	73%	
	African American	14%	
	Asian	0%	
	Hispanic	2%	
	Other	4%	
Don't know/Refused	6%		
Q14. Registration Address City	Folkston	0%	
	Kings Bay	0%	
	Kingsland	39%	
	Saint Marys	39%	
	Waverly	5%	
	White Oak	2%	
	Woodbine	15%	

**\*\*Due to rounding, "totals" of the individual components may differ by +/-1.**